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TAGS: OVIP, ETRD, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - KOREA

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE  
FROM: EA/K - ROBERT G. RICH, JR.

1. THREE LEGISLATORS SEE PRESIDENT PARK (CONF).

SENATOR GLENN AND REPRESENTATIVES ASPIN AND SOLARZ  
SAW PRESIDENT PARK THIS WEEK. GLENN REASSURED THE  
PRESIDENT ON THE LONG TERM U.S. COMMITMENT TO KOREAN  
SECURITY, WHILE NOTING A MAJOR PROBLEM IN U.S. ATTITUDES  
ON KOREA DUE MAINLY TO THE TONG SUN PARK CASE. HE POINTED  
OUT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THE PARK CASE INTERFERED  
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WITH COMPENSATORY MEASURES. PRESIDENT PARK URGED THAT  
CONGRESS DRAW A LINE BETWEEN THE PARK AFFAIR AND KOREAN  
SECURITY ISSUES.

ASPIN AND SOLARZ EMPHASIZED CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO PRESIDENT PARK, POINTING OUT THAT  
IMPROVEMENT IN KOREA WOULD HELP THE COMPENSATORY

MEASURES. PARK, IN GIVING USUAL ROKG HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION, ASSURED THE CONGRESSMEN THAT PRISONER RELEASES WOULD CONTINUE. PARK ALSO SAID THAT IF KIM DAE CHUNG SHOWS "REPENTENCE" AND A WILLINGNESS NOT TO VIOLATE KOREAN LAWS HE WOULD BE RELEASED, BUT HE SAID KIM STILL BELIEVES THAT IF HE GETS A FAVORABLE U.S. PRESS THE USG WILL PRESSURE THE ROKG TO RELEASE HIM. PARK SAID HE WOULD NOT RELEASE KIM UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. ROK-U.S. TEXTILE EXPORT AGREEMENT REACHED (UNC).

EMBASSY SEOUL REPORTS THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A KOREAN TEXTILE EXPORT RESTRAINT AGREEMENT FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1978. ACCORDING TO KOREAN PRESS REPORTS, THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR NO GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IN 1978, FOLLOWED BY AN ANNUAL COMPOUND GROWTH RATE OF 6.5 PERCENT IN THE FOUR SUCCEEDING YEARS. THIS WORKS OUT TO AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OVER THE FIVE YEAR LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT OF 5.2 PERCENT.

3. TITO CONCLUDES VISIT TO PYONGYANG (UNC).

PRESIDENT TITO LEFT PYONGYANG FOR PEKING AUGUST 30, FOLLOWING HIS 6-DAY VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. THE NORTH KOREANS PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR THE VISIT, WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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MASSIVE PUBLIC DISPLAYS AND HEAVY PUBLICITY. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY KIM AND TITO EMPHASIZED THEIR COMMON INTERESTS IN NON-ALIGNED ISSUES AND IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THEY CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM THE SOUTH AT THE "EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE". WORLD PROBLEMS WERE ADDRESSED IN GENERAL TERMS, AND THEY AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE U.S., IN LINE WITH RECENT NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA. AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT, TITO AND HIS PARTY WERE DECORATED WITH NORTH KOREAN MEDALS OF VARIOUS IMPORTANCE, RANGING DOWNWARD FROM TITO'S HERO OF THE DPRK AND ORDER OF THE NATIONAL FLAG FIRST CLASS. CHRISTOPHER

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED PORT MORESBY.

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